

**West Central Phoenix Water Quality Assurance Revolving Fund (WQARF) Site
Community Advisory Board Meeting**

Monday, March 3, 2003
6:45 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.
John F. Long Family Services Center
3454 N. 51st Avenue, Phoenix
MINUTES

Members in attendance:

Mary Bettis
Martha Garcia
Paul Holzer
Dr. Mary Radcliffe
Donn Stoltzfus

ADEQ Staff in attendance:

Ana Vargas, Project Manager
Julie Rutkowski, Hydrologist
Monica Mascareno, Community Involvement
Coordinator

Members absent:

Tawni Casteel

Others in attendance:

Gail Clement

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The meeting began at 6:50 p.m.

The following matters were discussed, considered, and decided upon at the meeting:

1. Welcome and Introductions, conducted by Donn Stoltzfus, co-chair.

Mr. Stoltzfus introduced himself and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Acceptance or Changes to October 15, 2002 minutes

Ms. Mary Bettis, CAB member, moved to accept the minutes as written from October 15, 2002. Dr. Mary Radcliffe, co-chair seconded the motion to accept the minutes. The motion was unanimously passed.

3. Update on Margaret Meyers' CAB membership

Monica Mascareno, ADEQ Community Involvement Coordinator, explained to the CAB members that Ms. Meyers had agreed to send a letter to the ADEQ offices, expressing her resignation from the CAB. Ms. Mascareno further described that Ms. Meyers did not send a letter, and that she has been unsuccessful in reaching Ms. Meyers via telephone.

The CAB proceeded to vote on this issue. Mr. Stoltzfus made a motion to terminate the CAB membership of Margaret Meyers. Martha Garcia, CAB member, seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

3. Information Repository Location

Ms. Mascareno explained to the CAB that a representative from Desert Sage Library said that there is no available space for the WCP information repository (the CAB had mentioned having a repository at Desert Sage library, since their original choice of Palo Verde library was unavailable due to lack of space and building construction).

4. Amendments to Charter

It was suggested by a CAB member to use John F. Long Family Services Center as a temporary repository location, until space becomes available at the Palo Verde Library. It was then suggested to add corresponding verbiage to the charter, to reflect this action.

The CAB discussed various potential changes to the charter to reflect the CAB's recent decisions and suggestions.

Dr. Radcliffe made the motion to approve all the changes they discussed for the charter. Ms. Garcia seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

5. Nominate and Vote for New Co-Chairs

Ms. Garcia nominated Dr. Radcliffe to continue on as a co-chair. Mr. Stoltzfus nominated Tawni Casteel to be a new co-chair. Ms. Mascareno gathered a tally, to reflect the CAB members' individual votes, by asking each CAB member to state a yes or no vote to accept each of the nominees as co-chairs. Both nominees were unanimously accepted as the new co-chairs.

6. Brief Review of Current Status and Activities at West Central Phoenix, (Project Manager: Ana Vargas). Ms. Vargas distributed a handout of her presentation.

Ms. Vargas began by reviewing a map of the five individual sites within the WCP WQARF site.

North Plume Site - Ms. Vargas reviewed the four facilities that ADEQ has worked on in the North Plume site; F&B, Hill Brothers, Rinchem, and Pyramid. ADEQ is planning to complete the Remedial Investigation (RI) and expects to receive an internal draft of an RI report from the contractors, that will cover the entire North Plume site, by June 30, 2003. Certainly, WQARF budget restraints will be a factor in the timely execution of these plans.

ADEQ continues to conduct quarterly groundwater sampling at the North Plume site, and continues to successfully operate the SVE system at the F&B facility. The system's vessels were insulated in 2003 to prevent heavy condensation. Nearly 40,000 lbs. of PCE have been removed to date.

On September 30, 2002, ADEQ received the first payment of \$171,000, under the consent decree that was established in 1999 between ADEQ and F&B. That amount represented 1.14% of \$15 million, which is the minimum annual net sales that is required under the Consent Decree.

ADEQ received a signed agreement from Hill Bros. to conduct soil-gas sampling. The field activities were initiated in February of 2003.

ADEQ finalized the Pyramid Site Characterization Report on investigative work conducted from 1999-2001. That report is now available to the public

North Canal site - ADEQ continues to conduct quarterly groundwater sampling. The RI has been delayed due to budget restraints. ADEQ will issue an internal groundwater data report, before the actual RI becomes available to the public.

East Grand Avenue site - ADEQ has entered into a finalized agreement with Univar, a voluntary party. Univar will take over the groundwater sampling starting in March of 2003. ADEQ conducted quarterly groundwater sampling up until January 2002.

ADEQ expects to have a draft RI report become available to the public by June 30, 2003.

Univar installed three SVE wells as part of the SVE system that will be installed at the facility. Univar is planning to install the piping and all the equipment that is related to the SVE in March of 2003. The SVE system is expected to be operational by April 2003.

West Grand Avenue Site - From 1990 to 1997, an Early Response Action (ERA) was conducted by Layke, Inc. In 1990, Layke excavated an underground storage tank (UST) that was contaminated with TCE. Soil samples were collected, and after the tank was excavated, an SVE system was installed that operated from 1995-1997.

In December of 2000, Layke requested a No Further Action (NFA) determination for soils and groundwater for the area affected by the former UST. ADEQ requested additional investigation to complete the evaluation for this request. The additional investigation was conducted by ADEQ between December 2001 and January 2002. It included soil/soil-gas sampling and additional groundwater sampling.

In November of 2002, ADEQ issued a report that included all the data collected from the additional investigation. Based on this report, ADEQ proceeded with the NFA process.

On November 3, 2002, ADEQ published a notice for an NFA 30-day comment period, in the Arizona Republic newspaper. The notice was also published in Spanish on November 6, 2002 in the *Prensa Hispana* newspaper. The comment period ended on December 6, 2002. No comments were received.

On December 19, 2002, ADEQ granted the NFA for soil and groundwater in an area specific to the location of 80 feet in diameter (with the former UST as the center), and the vertical zone beneath it.

Western Osborn Complex - United Industrial Corporation decided to shut down the SVE system at this site. In September of 2002, ADEQ conducted drilling/soil sampling to determine whether to shut down the system. The results of this investigation allowed for the facility to shut down the SVE system.

In October of 2002, United Industrial Corp. submitted plans to complete the RI at the site. ADEQ reviewed the plans and submitted comments, and finally approved the plans. United is expected to conduct additional work so that the RI can be completed including the installation of two additional monitoring wells, resuming quarterly groundwater sampling activities, and abandoning the irrigation well on-site in the spring of 2003.

ADEQ is continuing to do work until June of 2003. The new fiscal year will bring about a new budget and more information on future work.

7. Call to the Public and Future Meeting Plans

The CAB suggested that the next meeting be on Monday, June 2, 2003, from 6:45 to 8:45 at the John F. Long Family Services Center.

Ms. Garcia moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Radcliffe seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.